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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Senate
The Capitol
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

Francisco Aponte Perez
Senator

March 3, 1981

The Honorable
Alexander Haig
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20057

Mr. Secretary:

Through the local and international press we have become aware of the illegal search of the Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales de Buenos Aires [Buenos Aires Center for Legal and Social Studies] and the seizure of the files of 6,000 persons who have disappeared during the current military regime in Argentina.

We have also been informed of the arrest of Dr. Fermin Mignone, the Director of the Center; Jose Federico Esterkamp, a scientist; and Boris Pasic as well as other leaders in the struggle for protection of human rights in Argentina.

We condemn the aforementioned illegal entries, searches, and arrests and we request you to use your good offices to obtain the release of the persons under arrest and the return of the confiscated files.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Francisco Aponte Perez
Senator

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